

# News *from the* City of Gardner

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner  
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## Transportation and Traffic Improvements Throughout Gardner

The City of Gardner is wrapping up its 2006 street improvement projects. Here are a few of the major improvements that have been recently completed to enhance traffic flow and safety:

### Re-Striping at Center and 56 Highway

North Center Street, at the intersection of 56 Highway, has recently been re-striped due to recommendations by traffic engineers to better handle the growing amount of traffic at the intersection. The measure is a cost effective way to improve traffic until such time additional improvements to the intersection can be made.

### Left Turn Signals Installed on 56 Hwy at Moonlight



The City's Electric and Street Divisions have installed protected left turn signals for eastbound and westbound traffic at the Main (56 Hwy.) and Moonlight intersection. The left

turn signals should help alleviate congestion at this intersection and will allow more vehicles to turn north and south on Moonlight Road during peak hour traffic periods. Approval for the installation of the left turn signals was approved by KDOT late summer 2006.

### Chip and Seal of 183rd Street

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Harbour Construction performed a chip and seal surfacing project on 183rd street from Moonlight to Gardner Road. The process of chip and seal includes a thorough cleaning of the surface followed by the application of a bituminous oil material that provides an effective moisture barrier to prevent rapid deterioration of a road surface caused by water. Directly after the oil is applied, a layer of aggregate is applied that provides an improved drive surface. Not only does this allow traffic to return to the road immediately, it renews the skid resistance to the road and begins a new wear surface. Temporary striping is used until the oil has had time to cure and any loose material is removed. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street is scheduled to be permanently striped within the next few weeks..

### New Asphalt Roller

The Public Works Street Division maintains 127 lane miles of roadway. The Street Division recently purchased a new asphalt roller. The previous roller had lost a considerable amount of engine power and the vibratory compactors. The asphalt roller is essential for providing smooth and durable pavement repair throughout the City of Gardner.



## Public Safety

### Design-Build Team Chosen for Public Safety Station

A Design-Build Team has been chosen for Public Safety Station #2, to be located on 183rd Street. The team of McCowanGordan Construction/Hoefer Wysocki Architects will work on the construction of this approximate 5,000 to 6,000 square foot facility.

### Public Safety Purchases Ladder Truck

The Gardner City Council approved the purchase of a 2006 Bronto E-100 RLP 100 ft. Rescue Ladder Platform. The apparatus will be delivered next spring and will aid in the operation of rescue and firefighting on structures with large span roofs, such as schools, Trade-Net, Wal-Mart and other buildings now being constructed in Gardner.

Land was also purchased this fall for Public Safety Station #3.

## Electric Rates Increase Slightly in January

The City Council approved a rate change for electricity as part of the 2007 budget approval. For your usage in January 2007, your electric rates will increase by approximately 3%. This change will be reflected in your statement starting in February 2007. The increase will affect users differently depending on the class of user. The fixed service charge for residential customers will increase from \$6 to \$6.20. The rate increase per kilowatt hour will go from **\$0.09051 to \$0.09323. The average increase in cost per month is \$3.83.** The increase in the rate is due to the rising cost of purchasing power and ensuring funding to pay for future improvements that are necessary to properly maintain the system.



# The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

It has been an exciting year in Gardner. Many great things have happened in our community this year, from starting work on our new aquatics facility and Celebration Park to the opening of several new businesses that will provide enhanced opportunities to shop in Gardner.

However, the difficult times that our community has been through regarding the decision by BNSF to locate an Intermodal and Logistics facility on the western edge of Gardner have taken a toll on our emotions and our unity. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the residents of Gardner sent a strong message to the City Council that said they want us to protect the interests of the City and our community by beginning work to determine if it is in the best interest of Gardner to annex the BNSF project. The recommendations of the Intermodal Review Committee will not only serve as a guide, but the hard work of that committee will remind us how much our citizens care about Gardner, our quality of life and our sense of community.

City staff will spend many hours understanding the infrastructure needs related to such a development and putting together information for the Council to consider before determining whether or not to annex. I want to assure residents that the City Council and staff will be working diligently with county, state and federal representatives to get the necessary infrastructure in place to reduce the transportation impacts on Gardner. When all is said and done, it is my goal that this development becomes one which benefits the community financially and strives to maintain the hometown feel that we all love about Gardner.

We will keep you informed of our progress and share information as it becomes available to you through this newsletter and on our City website—[www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov).

I want to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and joy for the New Year. Please join us on November 27<sup>th</sup> for Christmas in the Park, our annual holiday lighting ceremony – a Gardner tradition. I have asked our student choir to end the program with “Let There be Peace on Earth”, and as we each affirm that thought for our nation and the world, I hope we are reminded of our Gardner community, the place we have all chosen to live, work, play, worship, and raise our families.

Sincerely,

*Carol Lehman*

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It is the mission of the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to establish, preserve and manage public parks, greenways and recreation facilities and to offer a variety of leisure opportunities to benefit and enrich the quality of life for the people of the community.

## Upcoming Holiday Activities

### 16th Annual Christmas in the Park

November 27  
7:00 p.m.  
Cornerstone Park  
Free Event for All Ages!!  
*No Registration Required*



Since 1990, the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department has presented a vibrant kick off to the Christmas season with the "Christmas in the Park" holiday event. The event will held on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Cornerstone Park. The event will include hot cocoa, seasonal music performed by area school children, a special holiday message from Mayor Carol Lehman, the arrival of Santa, the lighting over 25,000 lights and a Christmas fireworks fantasy! At the conclusion of the ceremony, Santa's Workshop will open, giving the kids a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus!

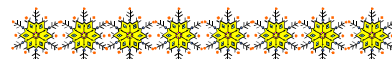


### Santa's Workshop

December 3, 10 and 17  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Cornerstone Park  
Free for All Ages!  
*No Registration Required*



Visit this magical place full of holiday joy. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and share their Christmas wishes, see the elves in action, plus receive a commemorative ornament and a candy cane. This year outside the Workshop enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and music from carolers! Pictures with Santa in a holiday frame will be available for \$3.50 each. Santa's Workshop will open immediately following the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and will re-open on December 3, 10 and 17.



### Jingle Bell Shop

December 21 and 22  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(come and go as you please!)  
Senior Citizen's Building  
For Ages 3-12  
(4 & under must be accompanied by an adult)  
Choose from many \$3-5 Gift Items  
(Cash only please)  
RSVP by December 15th



Let your children go on a shopping spree for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. It's not just any shopping spree, but one where your child will be able to choose a gift item that isn't complete until after they add some creativity to it! Your child will have many "kid priced" craft items to choose from, ranging anywhere from three to five dollars each. Simply drop off your child with the money they are allowed to spend (cash only, please). With help from Santa's Elves, they will wander around the shop looking at all the different items to choose from. The kids will then complete their project (s) and get it wrapped for FREE before they go home! The little shoppers will enjoy some Christmas treats, punch and take home a FREE goodie bag of their own!

During the holiday season, parents can rest assured that their children will shop in a safe and fun environment, not to mention have some time to let their imaginations go wild!

Call 856-0936 Today!



# Upcoming Winter Sports

## 3 on 3 Middle School Intramural Basketball

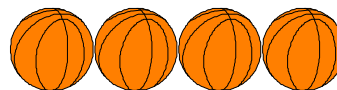
For Kids Grades 7th and 8th  
\$45.00

Registration Opens: December 4th

Registration Deadline: December 29th

*Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.*

This league is open to all boys and girls in grades 7th and 8th. Games will be played at a gymnasium in Gardner on Sunday evenings starting in early January. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams. Individual and/or team registration is accepted.



## Adult Basketball Winter League

Men's Wednesday League Starts January 10

Men's Sunday League Starts January 14

Women's Monday League Starts January 8

All Leagues will Play from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$300.00 per team

*\*Only 1 check, money order, or cash payment for the entire amount will be accepted.*

Registration Deadline: December 29

This league is for men and women, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts with numbers. Games will be played at a gymnasium in Gardner. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until leagues are full. Top two teams in each league will receive awards.



## Adult Volleyball "6 on 6" League

Tuesdays, Starting January 9

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$150.00 per team

*\*Only 1 check, money order, or cash payment for the entire amount will be accepted.*

Registration Deadline: December 29

Games will be played at a gymnasium located in Gardner. All leagues will consist of an 8 game minimum. Players must be 18 years and older. This is a co-ed league. Top two teams in each league will receive awards.



## Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

Session I & II: Completed

Session III: January 3 to February 7

Session IV: February 14 to March 21

Session V: March 28 to May 2

5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Senior Citizen's Building

For Ages 6 and older

\$50 (per session)

Registration Deadline: The Friday Before Session Starts

This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae-Kwon-Do which is the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.



## Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

Session I & II: Completed

Session III: January 3 to February 7

Session IV: February 14 to March 21

Session V: March 28 to May 2

5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Senior Citizen's Building

For Ages 6 and older

This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in Martial Arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of Martial Arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday



# Register Today!

at [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov) or by calling 856-0936.

## City Project Updates

### New Neighborhood Park

In effort to continue to follow the adopted Park System Master Plan, Gardner Parks and Recreation Department recently purchased property that will be developed as the next neighborhood park. The development is scheduled for 2007 and will be located south of 167<sup>th</sup> and west of Waverly Road within the Quail Meadows sub-division that is currently under construction.



Design plans are currently being developed which will include trails, picnic shelter, playground equipment, landscaping and open space. The park will also have the ability to connect to the future Kill Creek Greenway Trail that is planned to be located adjacent to the park.

For more information you can visit [www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/project-all.php](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/project-all.php)

### Cornerstone Aquatic Park

The expansion and renovation of the existing swimming pool located in

Cornerstone Park has begun. Soon our Aquatic Center will host a variety of attractions such as: a new zero depth entry, an active in water play area, lazy river, multiple water slides, floatable walk, climbing net, spray grounds, new tot pool, and new concession area with shelter. Above is a picture of the lazy river concrete being poured. The Aquatic Park is scheduled to be completed in May 2007, just in time for next summer's hot weather.



### Celebration Park

The construction of the 83 acre community park and sports complex is underway.

Located south of 159<sup>th</sup> and west of Waverly Road, it provides a great opportunity to share facilities with the 45 acre school site currently being developed. The park will have facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and football in addition to a small 9-acre lake. It is scheduled to be completed fall 2007.

## Logistics and Intermodal Park Update

On October 16, BNSF announced that it had reached an agreement with The Allen Group to develop a new logistics park near Gardner, Kansas. The Allen Group is nationally recognized industrial development company and will develop what will become the third logistics park on BNSF's network. The Allen Group will work with local and state government on a variety of aspects related to this project.

## Winter is Coming

The City of Gardner provides snow and ice removal services. Listed below are the priority of snow removal services for the City:

**First Priorities:** Arterial roadways. Arterials are heavily traveled north-south, east-west, cross city routes and thoroughfares. These streets are kept clear at all times by continuous plowing and the application of deicer materials throughout the storm.

**Second Priorities:** Collector streets. Collector streets are those streets in residential areas which provide primary access to arterial streets. This stage is begun after the snow has stopped or at the discretion of the supervisor. These areas are plowed along with a continuous application of anti-skid or deicer materials.

**Third Priorities:** Low traffic residential areas. These areas are plowed after ALL priority one and two streets have been plowed and treated. Anti-skid or deicer materials are applied as necessary.

For more information and for some helpful tips on snowplow safety, please visit our website at [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov)

## Community Calendar

### Home for the Holidays In Downtown Gardner

**November 17 & 18**  
**9 am - 7 pm**



Special activities include; Caroling by school choirs, special drawings, food, fun & activities!

### Thursday & Friday Nov. 23 & 24

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### Monday, November 27

Mayor's Tree Lighting  
Cornerstone Park  
7:00 p.m.



### Monday & Tuesday Dec. 25 and 26

City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

### Adopt a Family for Christmas?

Contact the Multi-Service Center at 856-7405



### Monday, January 1, 2007

City Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday

## Make Plans Now for New Year's Eve

Gardner is having a Community New Year's Eve Party! The party is being hosted by the Sesquicentennial Committee. It will be held at TradeNet Publishing, located at 1200 Energy Center Drive the evening of December 31st, 2006 from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Enjoy entertainment provided by The E-Z Pieces Band who plays 60's through 90's Top Forty Musical Hits. Cost is \$50 per individual or a table of ten for \$450. A complimentary bottle of champagne will be supplied to each table at midnight. There will be Hors D'oeuvre and a Cash Bar. All proceeds benefit Gardner's Sesquicentennial Celebration Fund! R.S.V.P. by December 14th to the City of Gardner Parks and Recreation Department at 913-856-0936.



## A Convenient Way to Pay Your Utility Bill

The City of Gardner offers a convenient and quick way to access account history and pay your utility bill online on your schedule, day or night. Customers can obtain billing information by registering their utility account number and using their PIN, a Personal Identification Number they receive from the Finance Department. The City's web page walks you through registration. Registration is only for customers who want access to their account over the computer. This service is free of charge.

Visit the City's website for more information about this service at:  
[www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/online\\_payments.php](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/online_payments.php)

### Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

#### **City Council Regular Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **City Council Work Session**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday, when needed

#### **Planning Commission Regular Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Gardner Municipal Court**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
the Wednesday following the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and the  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

#### **Website Address**

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